

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-26, 29 and 30 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 4-7, 17, 21-26, 29 and 30 are allowed.

Claims 1-3, 10-15 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,054,159 (Richardson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,476,119 (Van Nagell).

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-3, 10-15 and 18-20 is requested.


Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Rodriguez for the courtesies extended him at the interview on October 23, 2007. During the interview, the amendments to claim 1, as presented herein, were discussed. The Examiner agreed that claim 1, as presented herein, patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

The remaining claims, 2, 3, 10-15 and 18-20, depend cognately from claim 1 and recite further significant limitations to further distinguish over the cited art.

Entry of the amendment, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-3, 10-15 and 18-20 and allowance of the case are requested.

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